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MAGNETIC ENCODER AND)
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2003, please amend the above-identified Application as follows: